



1/30/2021

Well, we are officially halfway through the school year(!!!). Third quarter begins Monday, February 1st. Our next virtual PTA meeting will be **Tuesday, February 2nd** at 7pm. All are welcome to join.

Topic: Greenwood PTA's Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 2, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time

<https://zoom.us/j/96789463569?pwd=cHduTXZ5OTB4SFFpY0kzenFEQ3MyUT09>

Meeting ID: 967 8946 3569

Passcode: Gator

Some notes about the MCPS reopening plan as of January 28th ***things may change.***

1. The first group back to in person learning will be K-2, beginning **tentatively** March 15th. Grades 3-5 will begin in person learning in the second phase (phase 1b) approximately 4 weeks later, exact date to be determined.
2. Number of students in classrooms varies from class to class, grade level to grade level. Rooms at Greenwood are currently taped in 6x6 squares to guide where students should be in the classroom.
3. At Greenwood there will be multiple separate entrance doors for start of day and dismissal through multiple doors as well. You will be notified of entrance and exit procedures closer to the start of in person learning.
4. Elementary School Bell times will remain on the same schedule as virtual (ie virtual schedules drives the daily schedule). School will begin at 9:00am and end at 3:15pm.
5. Students participating in in person learning will be in school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - Wednesday is virtual for all students.
6. Every attempt has been made to keep students with their same teacher if possible but there are definite exceptions due to logistics*.
* Greenwood (and the surrounding Olney/Brookeville area) has an uncharacteristically large population of students indicating they want to return to in person learning therefore logistics were extremely difficult to accommodate all students.
7. If you indicated that your child will remain virtual on the survey in November 2020 (or did not respond at all) they will be virtual for the remainder of the year. There will **not** be an option to

return to in-person. Greenwood does not have the capacity to add more students in the building this year.

8. Specific details of your students in person or virtual learning plan will be released once in person learning date is definite, 1-2 weeks prior to return. The target date for in person families to receive a letter will be 2/23/21. Families have 1 week to agree to the offer or return to virtual.

9. Each in person school plan in MCPS is **school specific** based on a myriad of factors. Therefore Greenwood's school plan may not look anything like the plans of other elementary schools in the area. *Additionally, it is important to note that any in person families who do not like the plan and revert back to virtual will impact the entire school plan and therefore details on what this will look like will literally be shared up until we open doors on March 15.*

10. In person instruction may include students learning through Zoom as well as direct teacher instruction not including Zoom it just depends by grade level. This will look different in every class and every grade level based on return numbers of those students wanting to be in person. Again this particular set up will be different from school to school in MCPS. All virtual students will continue to use Zoom as their platform.

The next Board of Education meetings are Tuesday, February 9th and Tuesday, February 23rd. In person learning is tentatively set to resume on Monday, March 15th.

Black History Month

Throughout the month of February facts will be shared about noteworthy individuals on GGTV. Additionally we are fortunate to have a local guest speaker, Troy Boddy, “come” to Greenwood for a virtual assembly. The assembly will be the morning of either February 17th or 24th, details and zoom information to be announced once finalized.

Volunteers needed for Nomination Committee

As of June 2021 three positions will be open on Greenwood PTA’s executive board. Treasurer, which is a two year term, and two MCCPTA representative positions, which is a one year commitment. Job descriptions will be highlighted in next month’s newsletter. What we need now is three individuals to form the nominating committee. These individuals will be the contact for any volunteers interested in the upcoming available positions. They will be in charge of gathering names throughout March and making a formal announcement in April. This is a completely remote job that lasts one month and requires very little time commitment. Any interested individuals please contact Mary at president@greenwood-pta.org. Thank you!!

Commemorative T-shirt sale distribution

Maybe I don’t want to stand in the cold or maybe I need to get out of my house (!!!!) but for those of you that ordered the commemorative virtual t-shirts they will be coming to you. If you have provided a mailing address on Memberhub I will be dropping off your

order the first week of February. For those that are lacking a mailing address I will be in touch to schedule a pick up. There is a **limited** number of the commemorative t-shirts still for sale on a first come, first serve basis, \$10 for youth and \$12/\$15 for adult sizes. Contact Mary at President@greenwood-pta.org for more information and availability.

Valentine's Day Cupid Shuffle

Students can celebrate Valentine's day with a school-wide DJ dance party. Similar to the Jingle Jam in December, the Cupid Shuffle will have fun music to dance to and games to play. It will take place on Wednesday, February 10th from 12:00-1:00pm.

Time: Feb 10, 2021 12:00pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91703159124?pwd=dW92OVVOdU1kWUZUQ01tWS9USjBNQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 0315 9124

Passcode: Shuffle

Dining Night Out

February's DNO will be Wednesday, February 17th, at Moby Dick's from 11am-8:30pm. Take a break from trying to think of what to make for dinner and pick up some take out! A portion of the proceeds will be given to Greenwood PTA.

Yearbook

Yearbook sales are live! You can purchase a yearbook online for \$15. If you would like a hardcover, it is an additional \$5. A limited number of yearbook copies will be available for cash purchase when yearbooks have printed. To ensure your family is guaranteed a yearbook, I encourage yearbook purchases be made on the Lifetouch website. The deadline to purchase a yearbook online is Sunday, April 18, 2021. Please click on the link below to buy a yearbook, or click the link found in the Lifetouch emails being sent today.

Greenwood Elementary School's Yearbook

Click [here!](#)

Yearbook ID: 14087621

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE: Student portraits will not be accepted on the Shutterfly shared site anymore. Instead, please send them to yearbook@greenwood-pta.org with your child's first and last name in the JPEG (picture) file name. Also, please include the child's first and last name, grade level, and teacher's name in the subject line of the email.

All student portraits must be submitted by Monday, February 8, 2021. Please ensure your child's picture is taken in good lighting on a neutral background from the waist up. Pictures can be taken outdoors as long as the background is not overly busy.

For those families who uploaded their pictures into the Shutterfly shared site, no need to resend. If you are unsure whether you sent your child's selfie already or have other yearbook questions, email yearbook@greenwood-pta.org. I will respond within 48 hours.

As for other pictures for Bingo Night, Quarantine Hobbies, Behind the Masks, PTA Sponsored Activities, and more, please continue to email those to me with labeled file names OR upload to one of the Shutterfly shared site folders.

Greenwood Shutterfly Shared Site

Click [here!](#)

Password: GreenwoodMCPS

MCCPTA update: Virtual Voting is a GO!!!

After almost a full year of debate virtual voting is now allowed for Maryland PTA's. We will therefore have a virtual vote for the approval of the meeting minutes of 2020. Please review the minutes [here](#) prior to voting at our March meeting.

MCPS Board of Education Update

The Board of Education met on January 12th to discuss and take action on a plan for the return of students to in-person learning. At that time they voted to push back phased in person learning until **March 15th**. In late February various factors including percentage of staff vaccinated and health metrics statistics will be taken into account to determine the return of students. MCPS staff provided an update on current health conditions in the county, results of the parent preference survey and expectations for the return of students to school buildings.

- **As of January 29th the current stats are 5.94% (testing % positive) and 32.14 (case rate per 100K) which is definitely trending downwards and improved over what it has been recently however it is still above the necessary 5%/15 metric.**

Social Media:

Twitter: [@GreenwoodPTA](#)

Facebook: Greenwood Elementary School PTA

Kindergarten: [Greenwood Elementary Class of 2026 Mamas](#)

1st Grade: [Greenwood Elementary-Class of 2025](#)

2nd Grade: [Greenwood E.S. - Second Grade Parents \(class of 2024\)](#)

3rd Grade: [Greenwood Gators Third Grade Parents](#)

4th Grade: [Greenwood Elementary Class of 2022 Mamas](#)

5th Grade: [Greenwood Elementary class of 2021](#)

Important Dates

- February 2nd: Monthly PTA meeting
- February 8th: Yearbook Selfie Deadline
- February 9th: Board of Education meeting
- February 10th: Valentine's Day Cupid Shuffle Event
- February 12th: Professional Day, no school for students
- February 15th: Presidents Day, no school for students
- February 17th: Black History Month Assembly with Troy Boddy
- February 17th: Dining Night Out at Moby Dick's
- February 23: Board of Education meeting
- March 15th: Phased-in return of students begins (tentatively)

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience during this extremely unique and difficult time. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out. Be safe Gators.

Sincerely,

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